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Poverty Awareness Worksheet

SECTION I. Poverty in _____ County

or _____ City*

1. Total number of families _____
2. Mean (average) family income\$ _____
3. Number of families with female HHH (Household Head)..... _____
4. Families in povertyNumber _____
Percent of all families %
5. Mean (average) family income of families in poverty\$ _____
6. Mean income deficit (the average income necessary to bring the families up to the poverty level).....\$ _____
7. Mean (average) family size of families in poverty _____
8. Persons in povertyNumber _____
Percent of all persons %
9. Female HHH (Household Heads) of families in poverty _____
10. Percent of HHH over 65 years (Household Heads of families in poverty) %
11. Percent of HHH in labor force (Household Heads of families in poverty working or seeking work)..... %
12. Percent of families (below the poverty level) receiving public assistance (as reported in the 1970 census) %
13. Subtract the percent in 12 from 100% to obtain the percent of families below the poverty level not receiving public assistance..... %

*Copy figures for your county or city from Tables 3 or 4 in Cooperative Extension publication FS577, "South Dakota Poverty Data."

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Part G—South Dakota Poverty Data.

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SECTION II. Comparison with State averages. (State data comes from Table 2.) Copy County/City data from Section I.

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	State	County	Difference*
1. Persons living below poverty level as percent of all persons (Item 8)	18.7%	____%	____%
2. Families living below poverty level as percent of all families (Item 4)	14.8%	____%	____%
3. Average (mean) income of families below poverty (Item 5)	\$1,870	\$ _____	\$ _____
4. Average (mean) income of all families (Item 2)	\$8,795	\$ _____	\$ _____
5. Average (mean) income deficit (Item 6)	\$1,446	\$ _____	\$ _____
6. Average (mean) size of family below the poverty level (Item 7)	3.97	_____	_____
7. Percent of families below poverty level with family heads 65 or older (Item 10)	25.1%	____%	____%
8. Percent of families below poverty level who were reported as receiving public assistance (Item 12)	12.8%	____%	____%

*Subtract the State figure from the county figure. If the county figure is larger, the result will be plus. If the county figure is smaller the result will be minus.

SUMMARY: (Cross out the word which does not apply in each of the following statements).

Compared with the South Dakota State average, this county/city has:

1. A higher/lower percent of all persons who are living below the poverty level.
2. A higher/lower percent of all families who are living below the poverty level.
3. A higher/lower average income among families below the poverty level.

4. A higher/lower average income among all families.
5. A higher/lower income deficit among families below the poverty level.
6. A larger/smaller average family size among families below the poverty level.
7. A higher/lower percent of families below the poverty level with family heads 65 or older.
8. A higher/lower percent of families below the poverty level who reported receiving public assistance.

SECTION III. How my income compares with the poverty level.

I am part of a family: yes ____ go to part A
no ____ go to part B

Part A. Families

1. I am part of a family of _____ persons.
2. My family lives on a farm: yes ____ no ____
3. The head of my family is: male ____ female ____
4. The head of my family is: under 65 years ____
65 years and over ____
5. My family's total adjusted gross income per year is \$ _____
6. The poverty level per year for a family like mine is \$ _____*

Part B. Unrelated individuals

1. I am: under 65 years ____ 65 years or over ____
2. I am: male ____ female ____
3. I live on a farm: yes ____ no ____
4. My adjusted gross income per year is \$ _____
5. Poverty level per year for an individual like me is \$ _____*

* You will find the poverty level figures in Table 1 in the Cooperative Extension publication FS577, "South Dakota Poverty Data."

Note: This table is for 1968. Comparable figures for 1973 are approximately \$100 per person higher.